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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 25, 1977

1. IN U.S. COVERAGE:

-- PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS CALLING FOR A CTB, OPPOSING TESTING AND ENVISAGING PROGRESS ON SALT ARE FEATURED IN A TASS WASHINGTON ITEM CARRIED IN ALL CENTRAL NEWSPAPERS AND REPORTED IN THE TV NEWS. KZ OMITS PASSAGE CARRIED IN PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA ON ME AND RECONVENING GENEVA.

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS ON VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE'S JOURNEY TO WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN, HIGH-LIGHTING TRADE AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE EEC, AND "HYSTERIA" TO STRENGTHEN NATO. PRAVDA REPORTS MONDALE'S VISIT TO BRUSSELS, INCLUDING NATO HEADQUARTERS, AND NOTES REPORTED PLANS FOR AN APRIL/MAY MEETING OF "LEADERS OF THE LEADING CAPITALIST COUNTRIES" IN LONDON

-- THE PRESS CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT FAVORABLE U.S. PRESS REACTION TO BREZHNEV'S TULA SPEECH, ESPECIALLY THE CSM ARTICLE ON THE BILATERAL AGENDA: SALT, MBFR, TRADE.

-- IZVESTIYA REPORTS SENATOR BAKER'S STATE-MENT ON "MEET THE PRESS" THAT 40 TO 50 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAD RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM THE SOUTH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KOREAN CIA.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- CANADA (IN PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY NIKOLAY BRAGIN) AND JAPAN (IN IZVESTIYA TOKYO PIECE BY CORRESPONDENT BANDURA) JOIN LENGTHENING LIST OF COUNTRIES WHERE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COM- PLEX IS SEEKING TO DRIVE UP ARMS BUDGETS BY TOUTING MYTHICAL SOVIET THREAT, AGAINST WILL OF PEOPLES. FRG KEEPS HIGH PLACE ON LIST WITH KZ COMMENTARY BY APN CORRESPONDENT PORTUGALOV FROM BONN, WITH INTERESTING TWIST THAT "REAL" FRG ARMS EXPENDITURES ARE ALSO CONCEALED IN NON- DEFENSE BUDGET ITEMS, AND NASTY CONCLUSION THAT PARIS TREATY LIMITATIONS ARE BEING SIMPLY IGNORED AS BUNDESWEHR CULTIVATES ITS COLD CHAUVINIST TRADITIONS.

-- IMPORTANT ARTICLE ON NON-PROLIFERATION
BY YU. TOMILIN IN IZVESTIYA IS ARTICULATE PUBLIC
RUN-THROUGH OF SOVIET POSITION. MAIN POINTS:
PIECE IS KEYED TO NON-PROLIFERATION PASSAGE IN
BREZHNEV TULA SPEECH; "DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR
IMMEASURABLY GROWS" WITH PROLIFERATION; INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION IN PEACEFUL USE IS GOOD,
AS ARE NPT, EURATOM/JAPAN ACCESSION, AND
LONDON GROUP; BAD ARE ABSENCE OF "SAR,
ISRAEL, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, AND CERTAIN OTHERS."
AS WELL AS FRANCE AND PRC, FROM NPT REGIME, AND
FACT THAT "CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES" SUPPLY
NUCLEAR MATERIALS WITHOUT DEMANDING OBSERVANCE OF
CONDITIONS FULLY PREVENTING WEAPONS USE; REFUSAL
OF EURATOM/JAPAN TO CONCLUDE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS
WITH IAEA "CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED BY ANY EXCUSES;"
SOVIET PRESSURE FOR STRICTER NORMS RESULTED IN
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"CERTAIN PROGRESS" WITH ADOPTION OF LONDON GUIDE-
LINES IN 1976; SOVIETS WANT STRICT CONTROLS ON FULL
FUEL CYCLE, AND NUCLEAR EXPORTS "ARE NOT COMMERCIAL
QUESTION, BUT MAJOR POLITICAL PROBLEM." USSR IS
FOR FULL AND UNIVERSAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR
TESTING, AND PROGRESS IN NON-PROLIFERATION SHOULD
HELP. WE NOTE THAT IN REPORTING PRESIDENT'S JAN.
24 INTERVIEW, TASS ITEM FROM WASHINGTON CARRIED
IN CENTRAL PRESS LED WITH PRO-CTB, ANTI-TESTING
REMARK AND NOTED COMMENT ON NEED TO BRING ALL
NUCLEAR POWERS, INCLUDING FRANCE AND PRC, INTO
NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATION EFFORT.

-- SOVIET MEDIA DEFENSE OF CZECHOSLOVAK REGIME
IN CHARTER 77 AFFAIR CONTINUES IN LOWER KEY, WITH
END-TO-END PRAVDA ITEMS FROM PRAGUE REPORTING
INDRA SPEECH AT SOCIALIST PARTY CONFERENCE AND
PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE WORKERS FROM ALL WALKS
OF LIFE CONDEMNED WESTERN PROPAGANDA OVER CHARTER
77 AND AMNESTY FOR IMPENITENT '68ERS.

-- PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES A SHORT REPORT (WITHOUT
PHOTO) OF BREZHNEV'S MEETING WITH "WELL-KNOWN"
AFGHAN POLITICAL FIGURE MUHAMMED NAIM. THE TALK
WAS REPORTEDLY HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF
"MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING" -- A REMARKABLY COOL
CHARACTERIZATION.

-- NORTH KOREAN PM PAK SONG CHOL'S ARRIVAL IN
MOSCOW ON JAN 24 WAS FRONT-PAGED IN PRAVDA.
PAK'S SOVIET COUNTERPART, KOSYGIN, LED THE GREETERS,

WHO ALSO INCLUDED DEPUTY PREMIER MAZUROV AND PARTY
SECRETARY KATUSHEV. IN THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS,
ALSO ON JAN 24, THE SOVIET SIDE MAINLY INCLUDED
SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICIALS BUT NO MILITARY FIGURES:
KOSYGIN, GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN BAIBAKOV, FOREIGN AID CHIEF
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SKARHKOV, FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV
AND FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER KUZMIN.
BESIDES PAK, THE KOREAN DELEGATION INCLUDED THE
FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF AND
DEPUTY MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN
ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE TALKS REPORTEDLY TOOK
PLACE IN A "WARM, COMRADELY ATMOSPHERE."

-- PRAVDA CARRIES A TASS PEKING ITEM REPORT-
ING THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY'S STATEMENT TO
FOREIGN NEWSMEN THAT WU TEH AND CHEN HSI-LIEU
HAD BEEN RETAINED IN THEIR POSTS. THE ITEM ALSO
REPORTS SHANGHAI REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN WANG YI-PING'S RECENTLY PUBLISHED ACCOUNT
OF THE PLOTS IN SHANGHAI BY THE GROUP OF FOUR.

-- KZ CARRIES A LONG ARTICLE BY REGULAR
COMMENTATOR COL. A. LEONT'YEV ON THE U.S MILITARY
PRESENCE IN THAILAND. THE COMMENTARY ALLEGES THAT
U.S. FORCES REMAIN AND ARE INCREASING, WITH THE
ACQUIESCENCE OF THE THANIN REGIME. AMONG OTHER
THINGS, THE ARTICLE CHARGES THAT THE TAKLI BASE
IS BEING USED AS A TRANSIT POINT FOR "SPY PLANES
AND BOMBERS" PATROLLING BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES
AND DIEGO-GARCIA.

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-- PRAVDA HAS TASS CAIRO ITEM ON ROSE-LE-YOUSSEF
ARTICLE CRITICAL OF EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF INTERNAL
AFFAIRS ACCUSATION THAT EGYPTIAN COMMUNISTS AND
LEFTIST FORCES INSTIGATED DISORDERS. SIMILAR
CRITICISM IS REPORTED FROM SUCH DISPARATE SOURCES
AS NYT AND BAGHDAD TARIK ASH-SHAAH (PHONETIC).
PRAVDA AND KZ ALSO CARRY REPORT, BASED ON AL-AHRAM
ACCOUNT, OF MEETING OF EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP IN
WHICH SADAT ORDERED GOVERNMENT TO FIND OTHER
MEANS TO END GOVERNMENT DEFICIT THAN LAYING
BURDEN ON CONSUMER ITEMS SUCH AS CLOTHING AND FOOD.
IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
R. MOSEYEV ON WAVE OF ARRESTS IN EGYPT INCLUD-

ING ARRESTS OF FOREIGN EDITOR OF ROSE EL YOUSSEF,
FILLIP GALLYAB (PHONETIC).

-- PRAVDA HAS VERY LONG ACCOUNT (SHORTENED IN
KZ) OF JOINT SESSION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONS
(FAC) OF COUNCIL OF UNION AND COUNCIL OF NATIONALI-
TIES OF SUPREME SOVIET WHICH MET JAN 24 TO APPROVE
AND RECOMMEND FOR PRESIDUM RATIFICATION OF SOVIET-
ANGOLAN TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP. FIRST DEP. FONMIN
KUZNETSOV AND OTHER SPEAKERS PRAISED TREATY AND
PARTY TO PARTY AGREEMENT ("GREAT POLITICAL SIGNI-
FICANCE") IN PREDICTABLE TERMS. HALF OF ARTICLE
WAS DEVOTED TO REMARKS BY POLITBURO CANDIDATE
MEMBERS PONOMAREV, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF FAC OF
COUNCIL OF NATIONALITIES (POLITBURO MEMBER SUSLOV,,
WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF FAC OF COUNCIL OF UNION IS
NOT REPORTED AS ATTENDING JOINT SESSION).
PONOMAREV RECOUNTED HISTORY OF SOVIET AND CUBAN
INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, SAID THAT BY RELYING ON
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SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, PEOPLES OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT
COUNTRIES COULD MORE CONFIDENTLY WAGE STRUGGLE FOR
CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND FOR
CARRYING OUT FAR-REACHING SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
IN THEIR COUNTRIES. ANGOLAN "VICTORY", SAID
PMNOMAREV, CONVINCINGLY DEMONSTRATED TO ALL
COUNTRIES OF AFRICA AND TO WHOLE NATIONAL LIBERA-
TION MOVEMENT THAT WITH PRESENT CORRELATION OF
FORCES IN WORLD THEY COULD SUCCESSFULLY RESIST
IMPERIALISM. PONOMAREV DESCRIBED AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CPSU AND MPLA AS OF "PRINCIPLED SIGNIFICANCE."

-- IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE ON ASSASSINATION
IN LUSAKA OF ANC POLITICAL FIGURE JASON MOYO.
PRAVDA REPORTS STATEMENT BY SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR
SOLIDARITY WITH ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES CON-
DEMNING THIS "NEW CRIME OF IMPERIALISM AND RACISTS."

-- IZVESTIYA AND KZ NOTE DEPARTURE FROM MAPUTO
OF SOVIET CRUISER "ODARENYYI." KZ ACCOUNT CITES
MOZAMBIQUE FONMIN CHISSANO ON "VERY IMPORTANT
ROLE" PLAYED BY SOVIET ARMED FORCES - INCLUDING
NAVY - IN SUPPORT OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY.

-- KZ HAS NOTE AND PICTURES OF MEETING BETWEEN
MIN. DEF MARSHAL USTINOV AND CONGO MIN. DEF AND
SECURITY D. SASSU-NGESSO (PHONETIC).

-- VITALIY KORIONOV HAS DREARY ARTICLE IN

PRAVDA ON U.S. INTEREST IN SOUTH ATLANTIC
TREATY ORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD LINK DICTATORIAL
STATES OF LATIN AMERICAN WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

-- IZVESTIYA HAS LONG ARTICLE BY M. ROSTARCHUK
ON U.S. MISUSE OF LIBERIAN AND PANAMANIAN FLAGS
OF CONVENIENCE. ARTICLE STRESSES SAFETY AND
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POLLUTION ANGLE AND CONCLUDES BY CRITICIZING
REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN SHIPPING COMPANIES
WHO HAVE OPPOSED SOVIET UN PROPOSALS TO BRING
PROBLEMS UNDER EFFECTIVE CONTROL.

-- IZVESTIYA'S "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY"
COLUMN BY V. VERNIKOV DESCRIBES CUBA'S ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN CONTEXT OF COMECON.

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